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## DETAILS ARRANGED WITH CANADA

### United States Reaches Complete Agreement Regarding the Fisheries.

### Settlement with Newfoundland Is Also Progressing.

Diplomatic negotiations have scored a victory over arbitration in the fisheries dispute between Canada, Newfoundland and the United States, a statement being issued Saturday by the state department at Washington disclosing the fact that a complete agreement on all details involved has been reached between Canada and the United States and likewise sufficient adjustment of difficulties with Newfoundland has been effected to make unnecessary any recourse to a special commission of experts.

The negotiations between the United States and Newfoundland will be continued. Enough ground already has been covered to warrant the belief that a complete settlement of disputed points soon will be effected.

As far as Canada and the United States are concerned, Sir Alan Aylesworth, minister of justice, and L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, the Canadian representatives in the conference, will return to Ottawa today and submit the agreement that was reached today to Lord Grey, the governor general, when it will be made public. Upon ratification by him the agreement will become effective.

The details of the agreement were not divulged at Washington, but they included the modification of certain fishing regulations as well as the continuance of others hitherto in effect.

A conspicuous revelation to the representatives of both countries was the ease with which fisheries regulations

could be misconstrued. Many misunderstandings were straightened out and the belief was general Saturday with respect to the Canadian fisheries question that American as well as Canadian fishermen would find mutual benefit from the improved regulations.

It is believed that Sir Edward Morris, who has been away from Washington for a couple of days, will return Monday to complete the negotiations with respect to the Newfoundland questions involved.

Should diplomatic exchange fail to settle all the points at issue the mixed commission at The Hague will be called upon for assistance, but the belief prevails here that such a contingency is unlikely.

The official statement announcing the conclusion of negotiations with Canada and the status of the Newfoundland proceedings follows:

"The award in the fisheries arbitration directed that certain proceedings be taken by means of a special commission, for purposes of giving practical effect to the principles decided as to fishing regulations.

"The parties have now been conferring to determine whether such proceedings cannot be avoided by reaching an agreement by diplomatic methods as to the application of the award to such regulations. Very gratifying progress has been made toward accomplishing this.

"An agreement was reached Saturday with the Canadian representatives and will be given out at their convenience. Negotiations with the Newfoundland government are still proceeding."

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## SHORE BOATS AT T WHARF.

### EXPECTED FLEET OF OFF-SHORE ARRIVALS DID NOT COME ALONG.

The expected fleet of big off-shore vessels did not show up at T wharf this morning, indeed there was only one of them there in the whole bunch of 19 arrivals, all the rest being shore boats.

The off-shore craft was sch. Mildred Robinson, from her first trip of the winter, she having been but recently fitted out. It is the maiden trip for her skipper, Capt. John McDonald, and as he has 80,000 pounds or more he is in for a nice start and has a fine incentive to "keep it up."

Sch. Pontiac, which has been fishing on the Provincetown's grounds, down off Chatham, has 28,000 pounds of new fish. Sch. Aspinet with 25,000 pounds is also in the banner class. The most of the market boats have small catches, although three or four are over the 10,000 pound mark.

Old off-shore haddock brought \$1.75 and new \$2.10, while shore haddock sold for \$3.50. Large cod went at \$5 to \$5.50 and hake from \$4 to \$6. Pollock hung high at \$4 and cusk sold for \$2.50.

One of the busiest weeks in the history of T wharf closed at noon Saturday. One hundred and sixteen trawlers came in during the six days and their catches amounted to 2,673,200 pounds of fresh fish, more than half of which was haddock.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Mildred Robinson, 75,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 4500 haddock, 500 cod, 6500 hake.

Sch. Aspinet, 13,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Florida, 2500 haddock, 1400 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 8000 pollock.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty frozen herring, from Gloucester.

Sch. Motor, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Viking, 6500 pollock.

Sch. Pontiac, 22,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Yankee, 3600 haddock, 300 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 6500 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Harriet, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 9000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 8000 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 4500 haddock, 1100 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 500 haddock, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Haddock, \$1.75 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$4; cusk, \$2.50.

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## NO ARRIVALS DURING NIGHT.

### BOSTON FISH DEALERS HAD ONLY TWO HELDOVER FARES ON WHICH TO BID.

As at this port, there were no arrivals at T wharf during last night, and the only fares the dealers had a chance to bid on were two which came on yesterday and whose wise skippers hung on until this morning before selling.

The steam trawler Spray helped the market out yesterday with a fine catch 70,000 pounds of haddock and a few cod and sch. Mary E. Cooney had a small shore trip.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, which had 8000 pounds of pollock, did not sell all day, and this morning her skipper got \$4.10 per hundred weight for them.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. G. E. Heckman, arrived during the day from Brown's bank with a good fare of cod and haddock and 2000 pounds of halibut to put the cream on it. This morning her fare brought \$2.25 for old haddock and \$2.85 for new, \$4.50 for old large cod and \$6 for new, while the 2000 pounds of halibut reached the sky-high figure of 25 cents per pound a mark very seldom ever attained for that amount of fish.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Slade Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Steamer Spray, 70,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 9000 haddock, 500 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$2.25 to \$2.85 per cwt., for old and new; large cod, \$4.50 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$4.10; halibut, 25 cents per lb.

#### Pacific Halibut Fishery.

The New York Fishing Gazette prints the following interesting weekly budget of halibut fishery news from Petersburg, Alaska:

Small amounts of halibut were "passed up" by a regular Seattle-Skagway boat recently. It is the second time this season that the same steamer has left halibut on the Wrangell Narrows scow. In this instance the skipper had to allow the fish to remain on the scow six days before another boat arrived.

Whales and king salmon were responsible for the fresh bait famine in Wrangell Narrows recently. The whales and salmon were working overtime among the herring. Haul after haul was made, but no fish were obtained until the whales and salmon disappeared.

Sch. Wabash, of Petersburg has changed hands. The former owner has fitted up a scow about 22 by 60; and leaves in a few days on a halibut flitching, king salmon curing and shark fishing trip.

The Christmas Day shipment of halibut consisted of 300 boxes. Many of the schooners which shipped on Christmas will be in port several days; consequently there will be no large movement of halibut from Wrangell Narrows until about January 9.

The halibuters appeared to be well pleased with the returns for the last two shipments. They received 6 1-4 cents and 6 1-2 cents. Seattle, with but few culls and with satisfactory weight.

A bonus of \$1 per box was given in Seattle for Alaska halibut which landed there on the 5 1-4 cent market. "Side money," one commission house states, has been freely offered for choice halibut, in addition to regular market price.

The halibut speculators at Wrangell Narrows got on the right side of the market on the last shipments. They bought more largely of present shipments.

Reports from Ketchikan state that the buyers there are paying 3 cents straight for halibut. Fresh bait is in limited supply.

Fresh bait, which is in good supply at Petersburg, is quoted at \$2 bbl., salt bait, \$2.50 bbl. Fresh bait is in irregular supply at Juneau; salt bait is reported at \$4 bbl. there.

A schooner having a capacity of 108,000 halibut left the Narrows a few days ago for the southern fishing grounds. They will ship or sell at Ketchikan.

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## HARBOR BARE OF NEW ARRIVALS.

MARKET BOATS GONE OUT TO MAKE A SET DESPITE THE EXTREME COLD.

There were no arrivals at this port over night. The wind holds northwest and the mouth of the harbor is obscured with vapor, while ice is forming in the docks.

The wind is not heavy and all the fleet of market boats have gone out to have a set today, although it will be cold work for the men in the dories if they do "stick 'em out."

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts

Sch. Yankee, shore.  
Sch. Harriett, shore.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Juno, halibuting.  
Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.  
Sch. Jubilee, Georges.  
Sch. Pauline, Georges.  
Sch. Susan and Mary, haddocking.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore.  
Sch. Dictator, Boston.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring, \$3.62 1/2 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.

Eastern deck headline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

Georges headline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.50 for medium.

### Fulton Market Fish Notes.

The past week has been an unprofitable one to the wholesale commission men. There has been a scarcity of really good stock, while city buyers, because of weather conditions, did not take up any large supply. The shipping trade was fairly active.

Codfish—There was an ample supply of fish during the first part of the week and steakfish sold at 6c to 7c. By Wednesday prices began to advance and on that day 8c to 9c per pound was the price. Thursday's top figure was 11c. Yesterday the quotation was 9c to 10c. Market cod sold from 3 1/2c up to 5c.

Flounders brought from 5c to 8c.

Haddock sold at 4c to 5c during the early part of the week, and then dropped to 3c to 4c.

Halibut—There was both eastern and western white halibut in the market during the week, and there was little difference in prices. There was only three half cars of western fish up to Wednesday, and the price was 15c to 17c during the entire week. Eastern halibut sold at 13c to 18c per pound.

Hake—There was little hake in the market. It sold at 5c per pound during the entire week.

### Caught 400 Pound Shark.

The schooner Mary E. Cooney, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, brought in a 400-pound shark, which became entangled in the trawls on Jeffries bank and was killed by the crew.

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### Two Newfoundland Herring Cargoes for Lubec, Me.

A Lubec, Me., dispatch says: "There are two small cargoes of herring on the way from Newfoundland, which the people here are awaiting with impatience, as work is needed very much. Our catch of the native herring was an absolute failure, although the fish seemed to be as plentiful as ever. For some reason they did not come into their regular haunts."

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## NEWFOUNDLAND HERRING NOTES.

SCHS. PREMIER, ALERT AND SALADIN FINISHED LOADING ON RECENT FROST.

Advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., last evening state that frost set in Sunday night and was still in evidence.

Schs. Premier, Alert and Saladin finished up their cargoes on that frost and sailed for home with full frozen loads.

The Newfoundland sch. Strathcona is reported to have secured a cargo of herring at Bay of Islands.

The Western Star prints the following interesting herring notes:

"The price of herring has gone up by leaps and bounds during the past two weeks, until at present writing it stands at over \$3 per barrel as they come from the nets. There are indications that with the advent of frost the price will go still higher. Some buyers declare that they are prepared to push them even up to \$10 per barrel.

"The storms of last week and the week before destroyed considerable amount of fishing gear at Middle Arm. Some fishermen lost all their nets and moorings.

"A gasoline boat belonging to one of the Gloucester fish firms ran into the ice at Benoit's Cove Sunday morning, which stove a hole in her bow; she sank in several feet of water. We hear that she has since been floated.

"One buyer paid as high as \$39.66 for 10 barrels of herring on Monday. Others paid \$3.50 per barrel.

"The herring industry was brisk in most parts of the Humber Arm Tuesday.

"There was very good fishing off Curling and also off Summerside, last Thursday and Friday.

"At Middle Arm the herring fishery appears at present to be confined to Brakes Cove and Old Woman Cove.

"There was fishing on Monday all along the shore from McIvers to Meadows. There was also good fishing along the upper part of Humber.

"Large number of fishermen came in from North and Middle Arms on Sunday, and will prosecute the fishery in Humber Arm during the remainder of the season.

"There are at present over 35 vessels in Bay of Islands looking for herring cargoes, and competition is keen. Many of those vessels have none or scarcely any herring yet. A few of them, however, are near or quite loaded while one or two are ready to sail."

Hon. M. P. Cashin, minister of finance and customs, left St. John's, N. F., recently, for Bay of Islands to join the Fiona and make a tour of the Humber Arms to see the closing of the American herring fishery there.

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### Pensacola Fishing Notes.

During the past week at Pensacola, Florida, nine arrivals brought in 250,000 pounds of red snappers and groupers. Sch. Caviere had the biggest catch, 33,000 pounds of red snappers and 25,000 pounds of groupers. Sch. Alcina also of the Saunders Co. fleet, which had 29,000 pounds of red snappers and 22,000 pounds of groupers. Sch. Albert Geiger had 32,000 pounds of red snappers and no groupers. Other vessels to same company were: Sch. Kwashid, 25,000 pounds red snappers and 10,000 pounds groupers; sch. Favorite, 29,000 pounds red snappers, and sch. Clara R. Harwood, which had 12,000 pounds red snappers.

The Western Fish Co.'s heaviest catch was made by the smack Chicapee, which had 29,000 pounds of red snappers and 6000 pounds of groupers. Sch. Mary L. Harty had 27,000 pounds red snappers and 4000 pounds groupers and the smack Isabel 6000 pounds red snappers.

Sch. Alcina of the Saunders' fleet is commanded by Capt. Littlejohn. The vessel was out only 11 days and her catch falls only 15,000 pounds shy of the record catch established on her initial trip here from New England.

### WAS REMARK PROPHETIC?

Words of Captain of Missing Sch. Elfreda May Recalled.

A remark dropped by Capt. Trowbridge of sch. Elfreda May just before leaving Boston on December 12, was recalled Sunday by Henry B. Robinson of the Robinson Export Company on Atlantic avenue and has a peculiar significance in connection with the mysterious disappearance of the craft, which was due at Grand Bank, Newfoundland, 10 days later, but which has not been seen or heard from since.

"If I do not reach Newfoundland within 10 days, never look for me," were the words of Capt. Trowbridge to Mr. Robinson, and while his remark at that time was considered as a mere expression of his confidence in himself as a skipper and in his schooner as a rapid boat, it is now believed to have been something more than a boast.

The Elfreda May was a most seaworthy craft, but two years old, and was chartered to carry coal and provisions to Grand Bank and Miquelon from Boston, having brought a cargo of salt cod here for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The craft was laden at the Robinson Export Company at 237 Atlantic avenue, and was towed out of the harbor on December 12. The tug left her below in fair weather and fairly smooth water. Under favorable conditions but a week would suffice in which to make the trip, or 10 days at the most.

When day after day passed with no word or sight of the schooner, it was feared that the hurricane of December 14 had proven the schooner's doom, but the gale of the 14th was not felt to any great extent along the coast of Newfoundland.

With the crew of five men and the captain, the schooner also carried its owner, Capt. Walter A. Patten of Grand Bank, N. F.

### FISHERMEN BADLY ICED UP.

Arrivals at Boston Yesterday Reported Howling Gale Outside.

The fishermen who came in to T wharf, Boston, yesterday reported a howling gale outside. The wind blew furiously from the northwest, raising great waves. The cold, they said, was equally bad, and made the salt spray cling to everything in its way.

Several of the fishermen were iced up in crossing the bay, but the steam otter trawler Spray, which came to T wharf about an hour later than she was expected, was in a worse condition than any of the sailing vessels. Capt. Ralph Thomas was expected to bring his steamer to T wharf about 9 o'clock, but it was sighted, slowly breasting the gale down near the Islands.

The steamer presented an arctic scene. The stays of her foremast were hanging loose, and for some distance the mast itself was white with thick ice, to which the stays and ratlines ran up like huge white streamers to a big frosted Christmas tree. In the background the wheelhouse loomed up like a dull white wall.

The steam winch that is placed below and just in front of the wheelhouse on the deck was so thickly covered with ice that hot water will have to be used to clear it. The large wheels of the winch stood out like broad bands and glistened in the sunlight.

Behind the pilot house the long deckhouse was whitened, but the port side did not get as much ice as the starboard side. The decks had a thick carpeting of dull ice upon which the heavy boots of the seamen made little impression. Coils of hawser stood on the deck looking like mounds of ice, and everything, piled inside the rail had its coating. The iced upper hull stretched about the picture like a border, with the black hull forming a frame where the water had washed the ice off.

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### MAY CLOSE BAY OF FUNDY.

Canada Would Keep Out Steam Trawlers—Question Must Go to Hague.

The department of Justice of Canada, is considering the legal phases of declaring the Bay of Fundy closed Canadian waters for the purpose of regulating fishing by steam trawlers from the United States and other countries. The opinion was sought by the marine department and if it is favorable steps will be taken by the Canadian government to declare the bay closed. It is probable that the question eventually will go to The Hague Tribunal for settlement.